

W.L. Strange, Jr., she transferred her membership to Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church where, as an avid prayer warrior, she faithfully served in the Prayer Line Ministry and in the capacity of President of the Mother's Board until her passing.

Mother Strange matriculated through the Miami-Dade County Public School System. In her later years, after fulfilling the command to "train up a child . . .", she pursued a personal lifelong dream of becoming a Beautician. She enrolled in the Cosmetology Program at Miami Jackson Technical School and later obtained her Certificate as a Licensed Florida Cosmetologist in 1982. God blessed the works of her hands as she pursued her passion in the beauty industry by working at several salons, including the Theatrical Beauty Salon under the tutelage of the late Mrs. Ella Moncur. Mother Strange fulfilled her lifelong dream and established her own home-based salon.

Mother Pearlle Mae Strange was preceded in death by her husband, parents, four children, two grandsons, and four brothers. She leaves precious memories to be cherished by her sons: Rev. Billy W.L. Strange, Jr., Mareiece Strange (Earnestina), Larry Strange and Donald Strange; daughters Agnes Strange (Andy), Marva Bates (Michael), and Tonia Dudley (Billy); devoted sisters Luella Page, Francis Williams and Genice Scott; dedicated brothers Glenroy Joseph, Terry Joseph, Sr. (Diana) and Ernest Davis.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues and all Americans to please join me in honoring the late Mother Pearlle Mae Strange for her untiring love and dedication to her family and her community, and for her strong walk in Christian faith as she has dedicated her life to helping others.

LIFE AND LEGACY OF DR. SHARON BAILEY

HON. JOE NEGUSE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 8, 2021

Mr. NEGUSE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and remember the life of Dr. Sharon Bailey.

Dr. Bailey, a proud Coloradan, Princeton graduate, and accomplished leader, dedicated her life to guaranteeing students of color, teachers, and administrators in Colorado and across the nation had the means necessary to both achieve and provide a high quality of education. She is survived by her husband and my friend, John, her three sons, five grandchildren, and a generation forever impacted by her influence.

Dr. Bailey was a passionate and dedicated leader, and a pivotal force on the Denver Public School Board to ensure quality education for all.

Throughout her life she championed the need for a deeper understanding of the experiences of the Black community in education and worked to ensure that all children are given the same opportunity to succeed.

The accomplishments of her life in service will continue to be felt throughout the state of Colorado for years to come, and her legacy will not soon be forgotten.

My thoughts and prayers are with John and all of Dr. Bailey's family and friends. As we

mourn her passing, we will remember her life and be inspired by her wisdom and tenacity.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. JOSEPH K. DOWLEY

HON. RICHARD E. NEAL

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 8, 2021

Mr. NEAL. Madam Speaker, our Ways and Means family mourns the passing of Joseph K. Dowley. Joe was the Committee's Chief Counsel during the 1980s, who left us an important legacy in the Tax Reform Act of 1986, for which he did so much to enact into law.

Joe became Ways and Means Chief Counsel in 1984 after earning undergraduate and law degrees from Georgetown University, Army service in Vietnam, and employment as administrative assistant to my friend, former Chairman Dan Rostenkowski. He was a deft tax technician who not only knew what was broken, but also how to fix it. He never forgot that lawmaking is the art of the possible, and was ready when Chairman Rostenkowski accepted President Ronald Reagan's challenge to undertake comprehensive tax reform. His patient but relentless pursuit of that lofty goal helped create the political alchemy that made an initially improbable goal inevitable.

Success didn't come quickly or easily. As with any major piece of legislation, the process was a combination of the tense and the tedious. My colleagues writing the act recall it as a challenging time when long hours sometimes resulted in short tempers. But Joe's calm combination of competence and confidence kept the legislative train moving toward the inevitable compromises that signal success.

As the current Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, I now more deeply appreciate the role he played as an exemplary staffer, enabling those of us elected to enact legislation to do so by drawing the map that translated an idea into a legislative proposal that could become a workable law.

After leaving Capitol Hill, Joe continued to be an active member of Washington's tax community. His service to Congress wasn't easy, and there are few who have done it as well. He remains a role model for doing serious business in a humane way, and we will miss him. We join his wife Carol and his entire family in mourning his passing.

REMEMBERING FRED HIATT

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 8, 2021

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay my respects to Fred Hiatt, the longtime editorial page editor of the Washington Post whose authoritative and thoughtful voice on thousands of issues of public policy helped to strengthen our democracy. Mr. Hiatt, a 40-year veteran of the Post and a three-time Pulitzer Prize finalist, oversaw the opinion page and introduced the Post's audience to dozens of talented writers. An advocate of civil rights, democracy, human rights, and equality of op-

portunity, his thousands of unsigned editorials influenced public opinion and policy makers, including me. His forceful demand for justice when Post columnist Jamal Khashoggi was murdered will never be forgotten. He once said he believed there will always be a market for "really good, serious, readable, thoughtful, unpurchased, non-yelling opinion," and provided it daily on the Post's pages. I express my condolences to his wife Margaret Shapiro, and his children Alexandra, Joseph and Nathaniel, and his many friends and colleagues. His was a purposeful and dynamic life, and he will be missed.

HONORING MARCEL RIVAS

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 8, 2021

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Madam Speaker, from the 24th Congressional District of the great State of Florida, it is my honor to rise to honor Marcel Rivas for his extraordinary work in adoption, permanency, and child welfare.

It was truly my privilege to nominate him for the Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute's Angel in Adoption award. Adoption gives hopeful parents an opportunity to raise a child they wouldn't have otherwise. It also provides children with loving families and hope for the future.

Over the course of his 27-year career as a child welfare professional, which includes 21 years at the Children's Home Society of Florida, Marcel has helped more than 3,000 children find their forever families. He also streamlined countywide systems to expedite permanency via adoptions and worked with the child welfare system of care partners, advocating locally and statewide for, and on behalf of, adoptive families to ensure their voices are valued and heard.

I applaud him for the particular time and attention that he has devoted to children with special needs and minority populations, who unfortunately are harder to place, but also have the greatest need for a safe and secure home environment.

At Citrus Family Care Network, he oversees the education department, as well as the largest Transitioning Youth Services Department in Florida, serving hundreds of young adults, ages 18 to 23, who have aged out of foster care.

This is a critical and pivotal point in these young lives, and as a former educator and someone who has advocated on behalf of children throughout my entire career. I am grateful that they have Marcel to help guide them to reach their full potential.

I thank Marcel Rivas for his hard work, dedication and all of the joy that he has helped bring to thousands of families. He truly is an angel.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues, my constituents of the 24th Congressional District of the great State of Florida, the residents of Miami-Dade and all Americans to please join me in celebrating Marcel Rivas' remarkable achievements.